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Report of Agent Counter-Surveillance

1. On the afternoon of 26 August 1972, about 3 PM three of us drove to the area of Schubert Str., Beethoven Str., and the Bavarian Ring, Munich to make a reconnaissance. Area and to try out our radio equipment in the area of the meeting set for 27 August at 3PM. We arrived on the scene in a Chevrolet panel truck and a Ford sedan, both bearing U.S. "C" late license.

2. Upon our arrival we parked both vehicles at the point marked 1 on the sketch. It was then discovered that some of the radio equipment had inadvertently been left at the office. Thus while one of us returned in the form the other two walked over into the open area opposite the middle of the block between Beethoven and Schubert Streets. Since the meeting was to take place in the middle of this block, we had previously arranged to borrow one of several dozen enclosed construction wagons parked on the field in order that we might photograph the subject's handling agent. At this time we wanted to get the lay of the land in order to know where to direct the owner to park the wagon. At a point approximately opposite the middle of the block between Schubert and Beethoven Streets (point 2 on the sketch) construction was in progress on a structure for the Munich Oktoberfest. While we stood there discussing the situation it was noticed that a man was lying on the ground about midway between us and our truck. He seemed to be much interested in what we were doing. When his interest became obvious we went back to our truck, minute passing within a few feet of him. He continued to watch us until we had reached the truck. As we turned around and headed off he quickly turned his head to look in another direction. Thereupon we returned to engage this man in general conversation regarding the construction work for the forthcoming Oktoberfest. He appeared to be about 30 to 35 years old, round full fat face, full mustache, thick shoulder and torso, about 5 feet 10 to 5 feet 11¹/₂ inches, weight about 180 to 210 lbs., substantial bones, dark brown hair, slightly graying, hair from a dark brown to black cloth visored cap as it could not be determined whether he was bald. He wore a medium grey tweed jacket, black trousers with a light brown stripe about 1/4 inch wide, brown shoes, Army style low quarter oxfords and a grey sweater. His appearance was that of one neatly but not expensively dressed. As we returned to the truck this man walked across the street and entered a gate at 730 Bavariaring. (See 3 on the sketch) Identified COMMWATCH, Linz, born 16 June 1972 at Bohniach-Lippe (Schlesien). No longer has a mustache as shown in photo.

3. Thereafter one of us turned the truck around and parked it at point 4 on the sketch. The others proceeded to point 5 in the road. As soon as the truck was parked the driver went to the rear, opened one half of the double door and started to assemble the radio equipment. Immediately thereafter a light grey volkswagen drove up to the curb and stopped directly behind the truck. The driver alighted at once, and reached our man standing at the rear of the truck and asked in German, "Have you a match", at the same time he tilted his head and craned his neck attempting to look inside the truck. Our man answered in German that he did not have, at the same time closing the door of the truck. The other party (later identified as Harry Lippert), then stepped onto the sidewalk, borrowed a match from a passer-by, re-entered his car and

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remained there. In the interim our man had walked around to the rear of Fischer's car keeping in such a position that he could observe Fischer without Fischer being able to observe him through his rear view mirror. Therefore Fischer was seen to shift his head from side to side as if trying to spot our car through the rear view mirror.

4. This maneuver lasted about 10 min tes and was ended by our man driving away in the truck. After making a number of roundabout maneuvers our car drove the truck to point 45 on the sketch, parked it behind the card, alighted and told the other two men what had happened. After waiting 15 minutes to a hour to see what would develop we then proceeded with the testing of the equipment, part of which was in the hood and the balance of which was carried on the person of one of our men. This had proceeded for about 1/2 an hour when a man appeared on a bicycle, stopped about 50 feet from us, and started eating a sandwich he had taken out of his pocket. As there was no ostensible reason for him to stop in such a place and as it was evident he was intent on trying to see what we were up to we halted our testing and returned to leave. At 4 on the cyclist rode away.

5. While our man who was driving our truck was standing by the card talking to our other two men who were preparing to leave he observed another man walking towards the rear of the truck in what appeared to be a studiously unconcerned manner. Our man then stepped back out of sight of this party until the latter had come within 5 or 6 feet of the rear of the truck. Our man then stepped forward into view, whereupon the other party did an immediate about face and started off in the other direction. Our man turned the truck around and observed the other party as he was leaving the scene. As the man from our party was in uniform he expected him to be a police officer. About at point 46 on the sketch he went through the motions and normally does in function of his ticket collar. He was very clean and he was wearing a colorless jacket. In reaching behind his neck to turn his collar he ran his hand across point 7 on the sketch where he observed the other man pass him along the street. When the latter reached point 47 on the sketch he turned around and looked towards our man in the truck. He turned only remained his former direction for two or three steps, crossed the street in the shade of the block and went into the site on a couple of turns. In the interim our man had observed a truck parked at point 48, a place which under the circumstances it is just unlikely that anyone would ever park a truck. It has neither loading nor unloading. Only the driver's seat has been left and this truck driver's eyes seemed to be eying both our car in the truck and the party our man was trying to watch who by now was on his second trip around the statue.

6. As it was now approaching 5 P.M., traffic was becoming heavy, and our truck was partially blocking pedestrian traffic, our man drove off, made a few circling maneuvers and stopped at point 10 on the sketch. By this time Fischer's car had left, however a black Volkswagen appeared, and stopped at point 11. The person alighted, stood beside the vehicle as if he called what's his name, and then entered a nearby store. The driver remained in the vehicle and he also appeared to be watching our man in the truck. This vehicle has subsequently identified as belonging to Horsteyer himself. In the meantime a small low hung car, possibly

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a wanderer or a spy, in someone's differentiated condition pulled up to the curb and pointed his. It remained there about 30 seconds until a blond woman, dressed two standing at point 73 looking directly at our man approached it and entered it. Thereafter it drove off toward Kaiserstrasse. The plates on Kaiserstrasse, this car were license # 10340 or 9340. The blond woman except for her left privately registered telephone number 100-1000 which was contained above.

Q. At this point, as far as was the other very heavy car was concerned to the above, is there any reason why he concluded he had to see the other car being followed? Since it is a car that could be driven the truck off the freeway and backed down into the area where he believed concealed for a bullet or two. Is not this an area of a hill that drove the truck into a dense ravine, in area where the people are nervous, intersect irregularly, and traffic is slow? He also left the truck starting in those position where no himself could not be observed. After riding for about 10 minutes, during which time no vehicle or pedestrian came along, the man drove the truck to the base and at that time he was shot and killed.

Q. It is difficult, under the circumstances where we have been given, to determine how and if what our man did in action at a surveillance or observation post to the truck to be followed by. It is certain, however, that both he and his co-conspirator had reached the rear of the truck at this time were trying to do all they could do to get on the back and communicate between them. As far as to be observed, set up the following view, one that not been referred to.

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